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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 22-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hagiuda et al(6,182,225).

3. As per claims 1, 18, 31-32, Hagiuda et al(6,182, 225) discloses managing resource(i.e. device) passwords(see col. 3, lines 16-18), identifying a plurality of resources that are part of a group of resources(see col. 15, lines 15-20, see fig. 31, sheet 18), ; updating a first password for a first resource in the group of resources(see col. 19, lines 37-43, see fig. 137, sheet 71, see fig. 151, sheet 79) ; and updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources based on the updating of the first password for the first resource(see col. 19, lines 37-52).

4. As per claims 2, 19, Hagiuda discloses wherein the first password and the second password are the same(see col. 19, lines 37-52, see fig. 151, sheet 79).

5. As per claims 3, 20, Hagiuda discloses wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes updating passwords for each of the resources in the group of resources to be the same as the first password(see col. 19, lines 37-52, see fig. 137, sheet 71, see fig. 151, sheet 79).

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6. As per claims 5, 22, Hagiuda discloses wherein identifying a group of resources includes retrieving a user password profile in which groups of resources are identified along with corresponding password information (see col. 38, lines 54-67, col. 39, lines 1-3).

7. As per claims 6, 23, Hagiuda discloses wherein identifying a group of resources includes: providing a user with a listing of resources to which the user is given access; receiving selections from the user for grouping various ones of the resources into groups of resources; and storing the groups of resources in a user password profile(see col. 38, lines 54-67, col. 39, lines 1-3, fig. 31, sheet 18).

8. As per claims 7, 24, Hagiuda discloses wherein providing the user with a listing of resources includes providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources may be grouped together (see fig. 31, sheet 18, see col. 77, lines 53-67, col. 78, lines 1-4).

9. As per claims 8, 25, Hagiuda discloses wherein providing the user with a listing of resources includes providing the user with a display that indicates which of the resources are already grouped with one another(see fig. 31, sheet 18, lines 58-65).

10. As per claims 9, 26, Hagiuda discloses storing a password in association with each of the groups of resources, wherein the password is used with each of the resources in a corresponding group of resources(see col. 38, lines 55-67, col. 39, lines 1-3).

11. As per claims 10, 27, Hagiuda discloses wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes updating only selected ones of the resources in the group of resources(see col. 19, lines 34-57, col. 80, lines 46-67, col. 81, lines 1-3).

12. As per claims 11, 28, Hagiuda discloses wherein updating a second password for a second resource in the group of resources includes: prompting a user to change a password for

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one or more of the resources in the group of resources; and changing the password for the one or more resources selected by the user(see col. 77, lines 54-67, col. 78, lines 1-3).

13. As per claims 12, 29, Hagiuda discloses wherein the one or more resources selected by the user includes all of the resources in the group of resources(see fig. 31, sheet 18).

14. As per claims 13, 30, Hagiuda discloses wherein the group of resources is a group of resources each of which use the same password to authenticate a user's access to the resource(see col. 38, lines 55-67, col. 39, lines 1-3).

15. As per claim 14, Hagiuda discloses wherein the user password profile is stored on a server(see col. 19, lines 34-61).

16. As per claim 15, Hagiuda discloses wherein the user password profile is stored on a client device(see col. 19, lines 34-61).

17. As per claim 16, Hagiuda discloses wherein the user password profile is distributed across the resources(see col. 19, lines 34-61).

18. As per claim 17, Hagiuda discloses wherein updating the second password is performed automatically(see col. 80, lines 55-65, col. 81, lines 1-11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

19. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

20. Claims 4, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hagiuda(6, 182,225).

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21. As per claims 4, 21, Hagiuda discloses wherein updating the first password for a first resource(see col. 77, lines 53-67, col. 78, lines 1-3). However, Hagiuda is silent on updating when a password is about to expire. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of passwords to update a password when it is about to expire, the motivation is that by updating a password when it is about to expire allows a new password to be used in order to gain access, updating passwords in response to expiration is a security feature that allows passwords to only be used for a certain period of time. Official Notice is taken.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jenise E. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-3791. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) alternate Friday's.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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